

## FRIBIS EXPERT WORKSHOP

# Basic Income as an Exit Device: Possibilities and Challenges

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### General Information

Where?  **Liefmann-Haus**

When? Thursday, 05/09/2024

### Abstract

The argument that basic income increases workers' bargaining position by offering them an exit option has become a staple of recent basic income debate. Basic income proponents firmly insist exit provides real social power (the power to say no) against employers. But recent criticism of the exit option has also emerged, both from basic income critics but also from those sympathetic to basic income. Recent criticism has argued that basic income may not in fact offer a real or robust exit option, that exit options are not easily generalisable across the heterogenous population of workers in a diverse and dualised labour market, and that exit options may not confer real social power or equalize bargaining power between workers and employers. This event brings together proponents and critics of the exit option and the role it can play in a basic income society.

### Schedule

<i>Time</i>	<i>Speaker and Topic</i>
09:00–09:30	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b> <i>Jurgen De Wispelaere (University of Bath) &amp; Fabienne Hansen (University of Freiburg)</i>
09:30–10:30	<b>Bargaining Power: Exit Options for Entry Doors and the Emancipatory Potential of Basic Income</b> <i>David Casassas (University of Barcelona)</i>
10:30–11:00	Coffee Break
11:00–12:00	<b>Universal Basic Income and Exit Options - An Experimental Approach</b> <i>Clem Davies (University of Freiburg)</i>
12:00–13:00	<b>Basic Income Exit as a Social Good</b> <i>Jurgen De Wispelaere (University of Bath) &amp; Tobias Jäger (University of Freiburg)</i>
13:00–14:00	Lunch Break
14:00–15:00	<b>Why Context Matters: The Role of Basic Income in Exit Mechanisms</b> <i>Jeeun Jang (Tampere University)</i>
15:00–16:00	<b>Exits Both Ways? Reflections on Basic Income, Care and Work</b> <i>Ben Spies-Butcher (Macquarie University)</i>
16:00–16:30	Coffee Break
16:30–17:30	<b>Basic Income as an Exit Device: Ordoliberalism Meets Socialism</b> <i>Discussants: Mike Howard (University of Maine) and Bernhard Neumärker (University of Freiburg)</i> <i>Moderator: Jurgen De Wispelaere (University of Bath)</i>
17:30–18:00	<b>Closing Remarks</b> <i>Jurgen De Wispelaere (University of Bath) &amp; Fabienne Hansen (University of Freiburg)</i>

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Please note, this is a closed event. If you are interested in participating or want further information, please contact Fabienne Hansen.